

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FEDERAL AIR QUALITY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 5
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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to issue Air Quality Permit No. PSD-PI-R50003-00-01 to Energy Alternatives, Inc., 4300 220th Street West, Farmington, Minnesota 55024. The permit would authorize Energy Alternatives to install four (4) diesel engine electric generator sets near the Treasure Island Resort and Casino, 5734 Sturgeon Lake Road, Red Wing, Minnesota 55066. The facility housing the generator sets will be located northeast of the Resort at the Prairie Island Community Wastewater Treatment Facility, near Highways 61 and 316, in Goodhue County, and between the cities of Hastings and Red Wing, Minnesota. The permit action is for a Federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) construction permit issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 52.21. The public comment period for the draft permit ends December 15, 2000.

The proposed facility would be located on Prairie Island Indian Community lands. Under the Clean Air Act, it is the EPA's responsibility to issue construction permits to prospective major sources emitting air pollutants on Indian lands, until such time as the tribe has adopted and had approved an appropriate air quality permit program. Because the Prairie Island Indian Community does not yet have an EPA-approved air quality construction permit program, the EPA is reviewing and potentially will issue a PSD construction permit to this source.

Energy Alternatives, Inc. proposes to install four internal combustion diesel engines on the Prairie Island Indian Reservation. The engines will be owned and operated by Energy Alternatives, Inc. The shaft power of each engine will drive an 1825 kilowatt generator to produce a total of 7.3 megawatts of electricity. The electricity produced will be used for peak load management and backup power for the Treasure Island Resort and Casino. Electricity generated at the facility will not be sold for distribution. The project is regulated by the PSD construction permitting program because the potential nitrogen oxide emissions from the engine generator project is above 250 tons per year if operated continuously.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed permit and may request a public hearing during the public comment period. All comments will be considered in making the final decision and will be answered by the EPA. All comment received

during the comment period will be included in the administrative record and will be available to the public. The public comment period on the draft permit ends December 15, 2000.

Any request for a public hearing must be in writing and should state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised during the hearing. If the EPA finds that a hearing will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues, a hearing will be announced. Any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit during any scheduled public hearing. A tape recording or written transcript of the hearing will be made available to the public.

Persons who submit comments to the U.S. EPA should state:

1. Their interest in the draft permit;
2. The action they wish EPA to take, including specific references to the portions of the draft permit they believe should be changed, if any; and
3. The reasons supporting their position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow EPA to investigate the merits of the position.

All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record. The administrative record for the facility may be viewed between 8:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday at EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, 18th floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or during normal business hours at the Red Wing Public Library, 225 East Avenue, Red Wing, Minnesota 55066, (651) 385-3645. Send comments, requests for a public hearing, and requests to receive notices of any future actions to Bharat Mathur, Director, Air and Radiation Division (A-18J), at the above EPA address or fax to (312) 886-0617. All relevant, timely comments and requests will be considered. For copies of the draft permit, statement of basis, application, or other information regarding this permit, contact Shaheerah Fateen (AR-18J) at the above EPA address, call (312) 353-4779, or email to fateen.shaheerah@epa.gov.

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